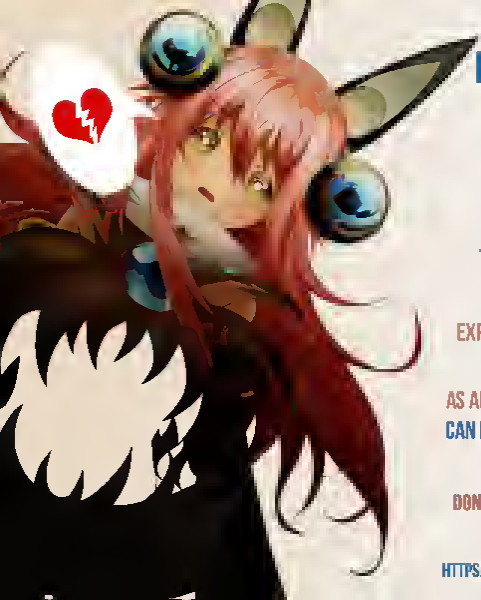

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GASP
PANT
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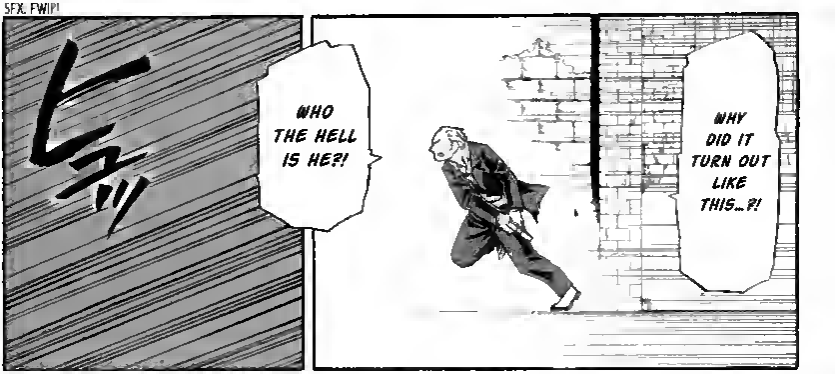
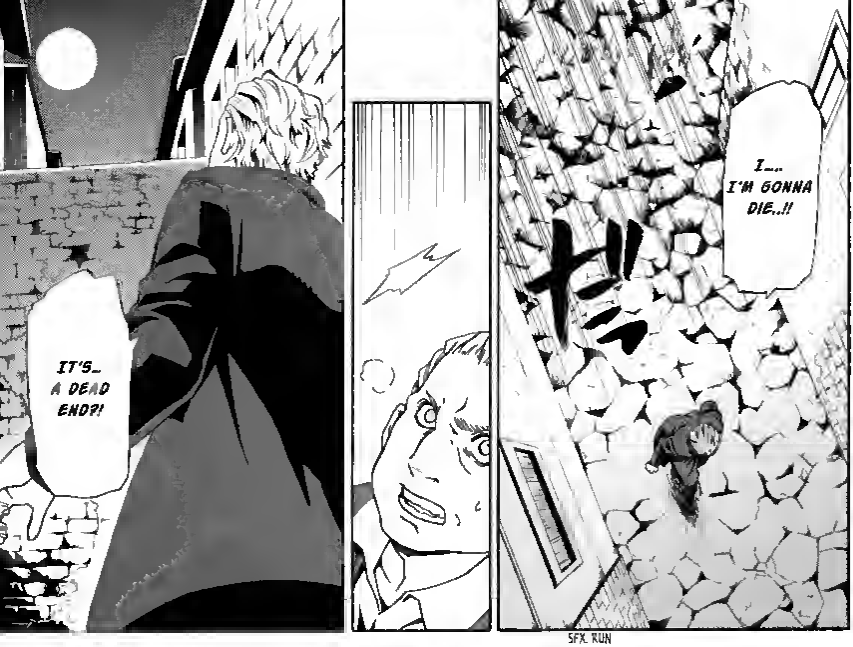
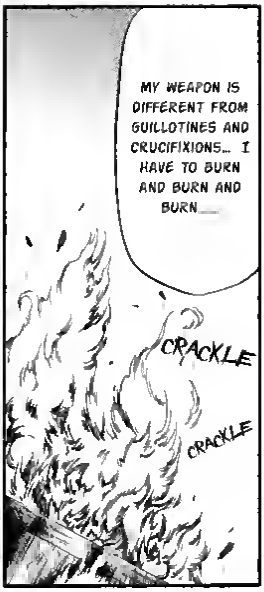

SFX. FWIP!
WHO THE HELL IS HE?!
WHY DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS...?!

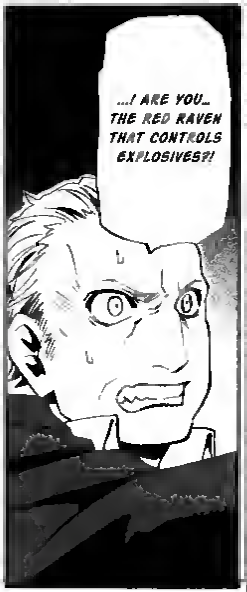
SFX WHOOSH!
!?


IT'S... A DEAD END?!
I... I'M GONNA DIE..!!
SFX. RUN

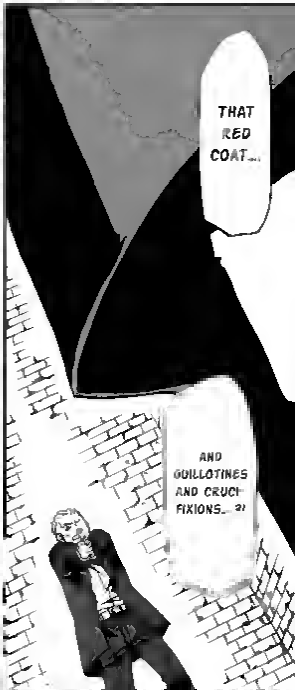
BESIDES ONE SMALL FIRE BULLET WON'T KILL.
NAH I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME TO DO THAT
ME? KILL LOW RANKED VIZZINIS?

GRINS
AND THEN IT'S OVER.


MY WEAPON IS DIFFERENT FROM GUILLOTINES AND CRUCIFIXIONS... I HAVE TO BURN AND BURN AND BURN...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE


...! ARE YOU... THE RED RAVEN THAT CONTROLS EXPLOSIVES?!

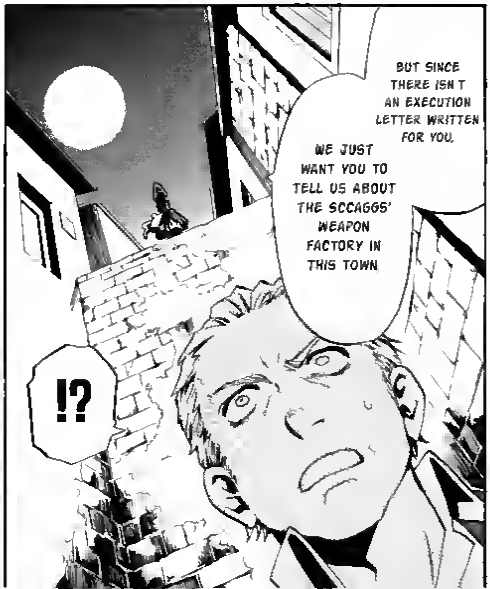
TAP!
ARE YOU A RED RAVEN...?! IS SOMEONE LIKE YOU REALLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT?!


THAT RED COAT...
AND GUILLOTINES AND CRUCIFIXIONS...?!

HA! HA!
RED RAVEN VI
THE DELIGHTFUL INQUISITOR
RYAN AUBREY

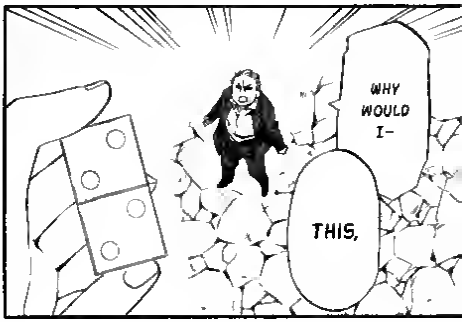
CRACKLE
BURNING IS HIS EXECUTION METHOD
THE EXECUTIONER WHOSE OTHER NICKNAME IS WITCH HUNTER...

RYAN DOESN'T PLAN ON EXECUTING YOU.

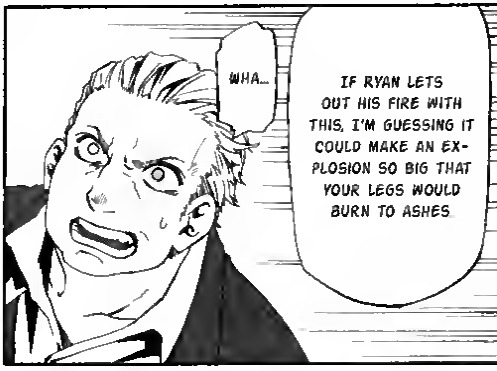

BUT SINCE THERE ISN'T AN EXECUTION LETTER WRITTEN FOR YOU,
WE JUST WANT YOU TO TELL US ABOUT THE SCCAGGS' WEAPON FACTORY IN THIS TOWN
!?

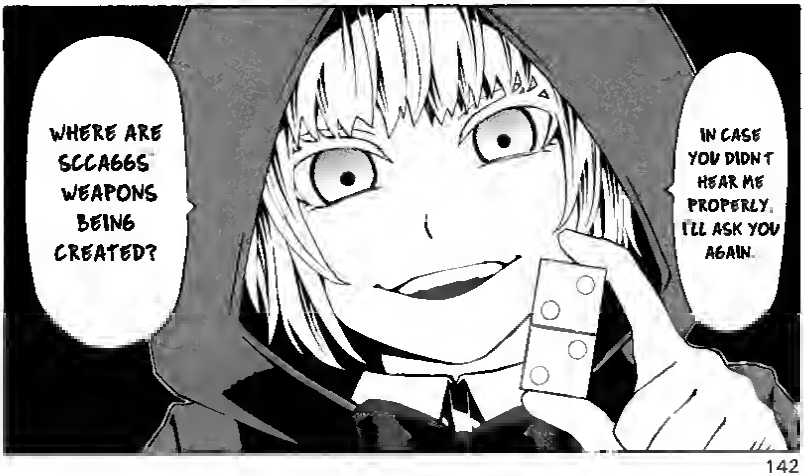
SCCAGGS' WEAPON FACTORY...?

CONTAINS EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE GAS I MADE MYSELF
!?


WHY WOULD I-
THIS,

I'M REALLY SORRY IF I DROP THIS BY ACCI-DENT.
Sit
AND I'M STARTING TO GET TIRED OF HOLDING THIS...

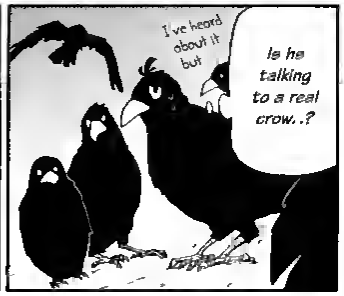

WHA...
IF RYAN LETS OUT HIS FIRE WITH THIS, I'M GUESSING IT COULD MAKE AN EX-PLOSION SO BIG THAT YOUR LEGS WOULD BURN TO ASHES.


WHERE ARE SCCAGGS' WEAPONS BEING CREATED?
IN CASE YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME PROPERLY, I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN.

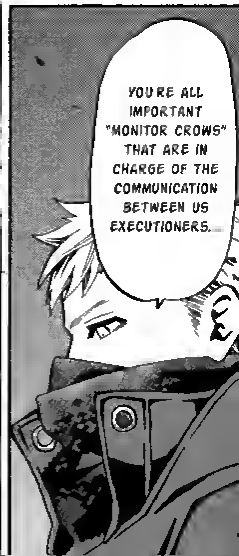
FLAP!
FLAP!
CAW!
WERE RYAN AND CONNIE SEARCHING FOR THE LOCATION?
CAW!
.....I SEE, NOTHING CHANGED.....

GOOD JOB, REST WELL.

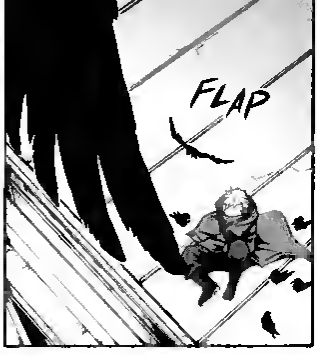
Si!
STIFF
ARE YOU SILVIO'S CROW, LONGVAL?


I've heard about it but
Is he talking to a real crow..?

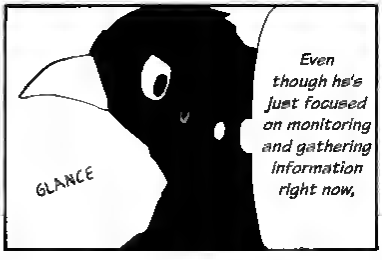
NOW, GO AND TELL SILVIO THE INFORMATION.
WITHOUT LEAVING OUT A SENTENCE OR A WORD.
SORRY, BUT YOU GUYS CAN'T REST.

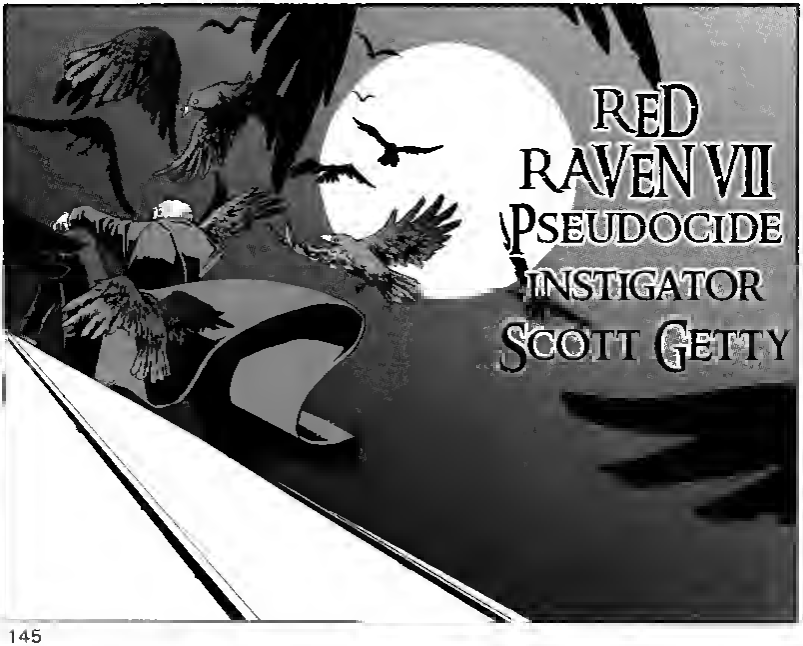

YOU'RE ALL IMPORTANT "MONITOR CROWS" THAT ARE IN CHARGE OF THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN US EXECUTIONERS.

So scary!

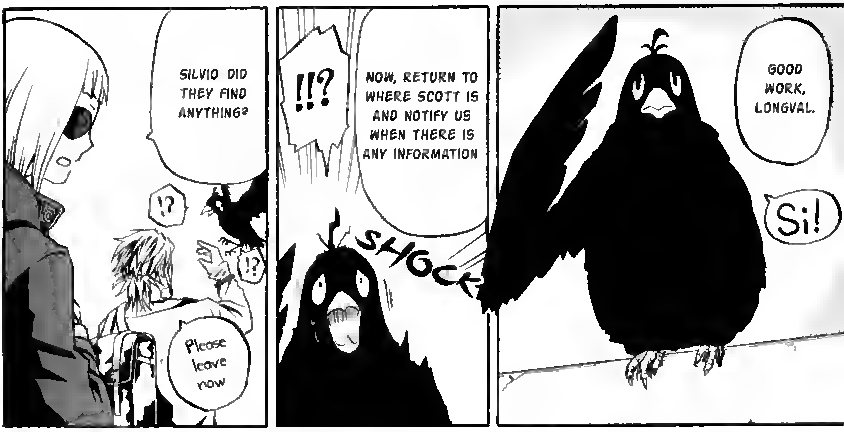

FLAP

MAKES HIM SEEM THE MOST RAVEN-LIKE.
IN A WAY, THE WAY HE CONTROLS THE CROWS IN THE DARK...


GLANCE
Even though he's just focused on monitoring and gathering information right now,


RED RAVEN VII
PSEUDOCIDE
INSTIGATOR
SCOTT GETTY

EVEN VIZZINI'S SUBORDINATES DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS.. STRANGE.
Giudizio
...I SEE.


SILVIO DID THEY FIND ANYTHING?
!?
!?
Please leave now
!!?
NOW, RETURN TO WHERE SCOTT IS AND NOTIFY US WHEN THERE IS ANY INFORMATION
SHOCK
GOOD WORK, LONGVAL.
Si!

IT SHOULD BE ABOUT TIME WE FIND SOMETHING ABOUT THE SCCAGGS WEAPON FACTORY
Here's your lunch
IT'S ALREADY THE THIRD DAY SINCE WE CAME TO VENIELLA.

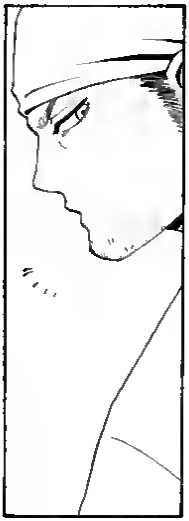
SINCE THIS IS A CRAFT TOWN AND NOT AN INDUSTRIAL TOWN.
WE THOUGHT THAT THE WEAPON FACTORY WOULDN'T BE HIDDEN EASILY
EVEN SINCE SIEGFRIED TOOK OVER THIS STREET, THE DISTRIBUTION OF SCCAGGS HAS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED
PLUS THE PURCHASE OF METAL IN THIS TOWN HAS INCREASED AS WELL SO WE ARE SURE THAT THIS IS WHERE THE WEAPONS ARE BEING PRODUCED
....
RIGHT NOW, WE, RED RAVEN, HAVE SNUCK INTO VENELLA SEPARATELY
HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL UNABLE TO FIND ANY USEFUL INFORMATION.
JOSEPH IS AT THE PORT, RYAN AND CONNIE ARE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE GRAND CANAL, SILVIO AND I ARE ON THE SOUTH. WE ARE ALL CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR THE FACTORY.
Joseph
Connie & Ryan
Scott
Silvio & Andy

Just when I thought I finally got to where he is...
NOT ONLY THAT, WE HAVEN'T SEEN SIEGFRIED OR ANY OF THE REVERSE NUMBERS AT ALL
BUMP
!
Sigh
...He saw right through me...
WE STILL HAVE TEN MINUTES.
DON'T BE SO TENSE.

CLA NG
CLA NG
I HAVE TO DO MY JOB PROPERLY..
THE BIGGEST BLACKSMITH IN THIS TOWN?
WE AREN'T SUITED FOR MASS PRODUC- TION
WE ALL RECEIVE ORDERS TO MAKE THINGS LIKE BILLBOARDS OR METALLIC PARTS FOR FURNITURES.
CLANG
IT'S PROBABLY PRETTY MUCH THE SAME EVERYWHERE?
CLANG

MISTER, ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN LEAVE DIFFERENT SCREWS IN THESE BAGS?
THOSE ARE SPARE FASTENERS.
HONESTLY I'D RATHER HAVE THEM BACK IF THEY BREAK
SMASH
TOURISTS, OR PEOPLE WHO ORDER OUTSIDE THE TOWN SAY IT'S A HASSLE TO COME BACK TO THE STORE.
SO MANY CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR SPARE PARTS WHEN THEY BUY SOMETHING.

JOLT
HEY!! DON'T START TOUCHING EVERYTHING IN THE STORE!! THIS IS A PLACE THAT HANDLES FIRE!!



It's probably Ryan...
Ryan...
Be careful!!
THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF FIRE INCIDENTS IN THE NORTH RECENTLY.

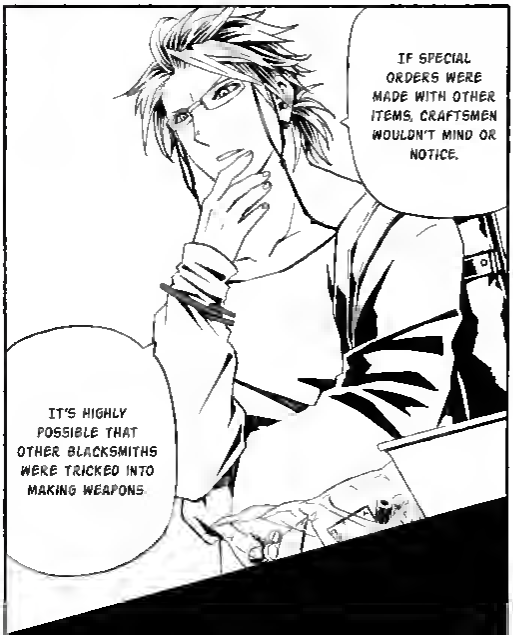
ALSO IT'D BE HELPFUL IF THEY STARTED THINKING OF US AS A NUISANCE, AND APPROACHED US INSTEAD
IF RYAN GOES TOO FAR CONNIE WILL USE HER POISONOUS GAS TO STOP HIM
WHAT?!
WHISPER
AREN'T THEY GOING A BIT OVERBOARD...?
Ryan and Connie
HM? YOU HAVE GUESTS?
...HUH?
AH, SORRY
EXCUSE ME

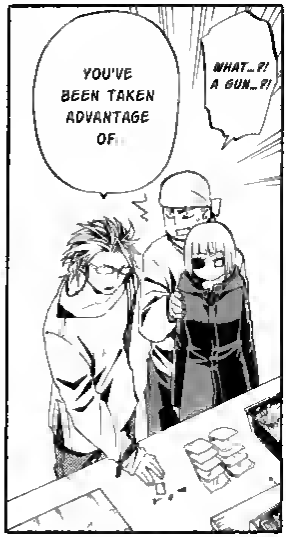
ADOLFO..!
HM?
OH!! IT'S ANDY!
DO YOU KNOW HIM?
YEAH... HE HELPED ME A WHILE AGO BUT WHY ARE YOU AT A BLACKSMITH..?

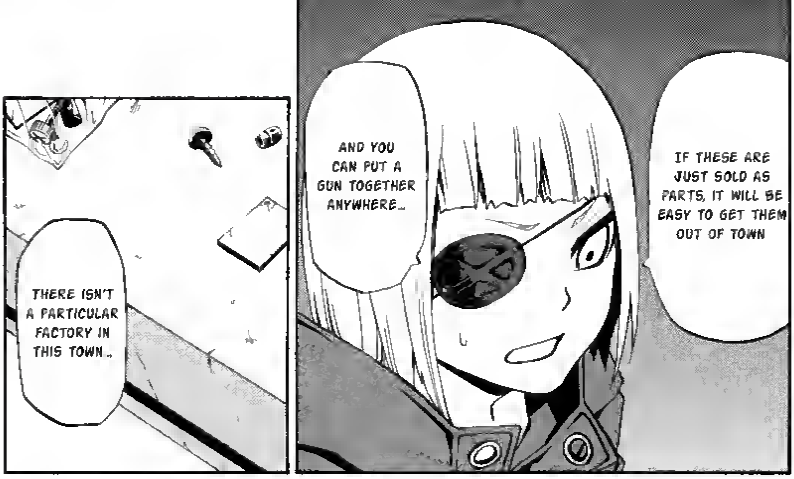
I'M HERE INSTEAD OF THE VELVET WORKSHOP OWNER SINCE WE GOT AN ORDER TO MAKE FABRIC FOR A CHAIR
I M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THINGS LIKE THE VELVET COLOR AND HARDWARE COLOR..
SINCE THERE ARE A LOT OF CRAFTSMEN IN HERE,
YOU CAN MAKE THINGS WITH OTHER WORKSHOPS!

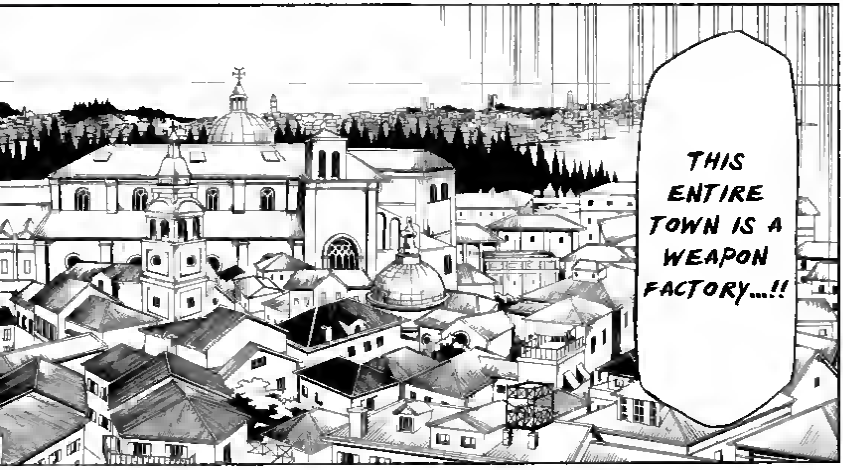
DASH
AH!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
CLATTER
CLATTER
WITH...
OTHER WORK-SHOPS...?
IF I MADE THE ENTIRE THING THEN OF COURSE I COULD. HOW THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW JUST FROM PART ORDERS?!
I'M NOT A FURNITURE SHOP!! I'M A BLACKSMITH!!
WHAT?!
MISTER IF I ASKED YOU WHERE EACH PART WOULD BE USED, COULD YOU TELL ME?

IT'S A GUN TRIGGER.


IF SPECIAL ORDERS WERE MADE WITH OTHER ITEMS, CRAFTSMEN WOULDN'T MIND OR NOTICE.
IT'S HIGHLY POSSIBLE THAT OTHER BLACKSMITHS WERE TRICKED INTO MAKING WEAPONS.

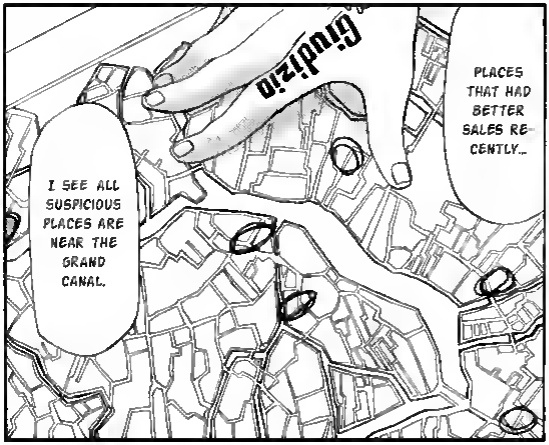

YOU'VE BEEN TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF...
WHAT...?! A GUN...?!


THERE ISN'T A PARTICULAR FACTORY IN THIS TOWN..
AND YOU CAN PUT A GUN TOGETHER ANYWHERE...
IF THESE ARE JUST SOLD AS PARTS, IT WILL BE EASY TO GET THEM OUT OF TOWN


THIS ENTIRE TOWN IS A WEAPON FACTORY...!!

SERIOUSLY— THEY ARE REALLY HARD TO DEAL WITH
WHAT.. ARE YOU

EXCUSE ME, ARE THERE ANY OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING SIMILAR ORDERS?
HUH? AH, YES..

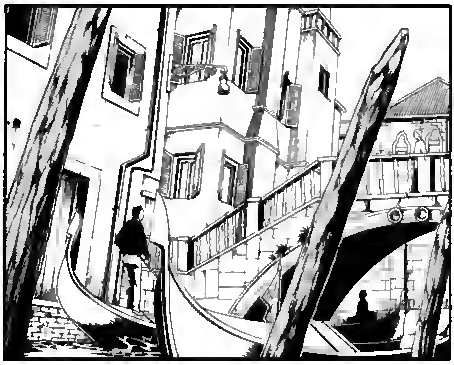

Giudizio
PLACES THAT HAD BETTER SALES RECENTLY...
I SEE ALL SUSPICIOUS PLACES ARE NEAR THE GRAND CANAL.

CHARLES!
I KNOW! TELL SCOTT, RIGHT?
FLAP

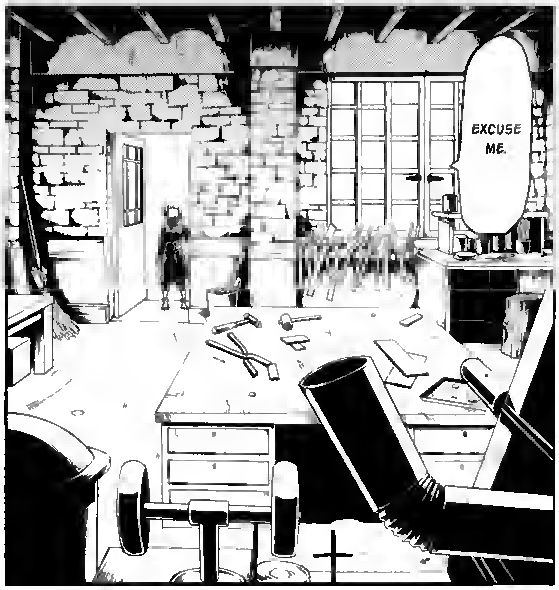
LET'S SPLIT, AND MEET UP WHEN CHARLES COMES BACK!!

EVEN THOUGH WE NARROWED IT DOWN. THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF PLACES..

SFX TAP!

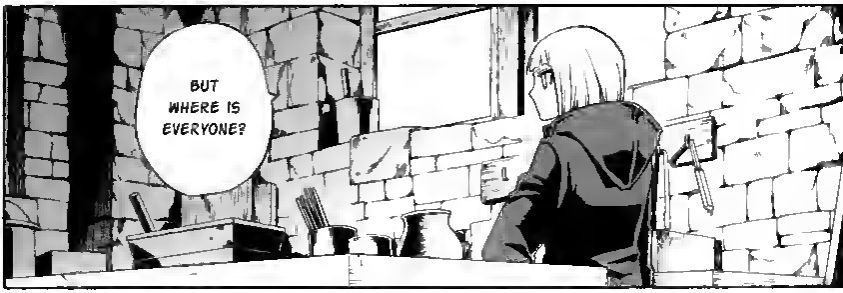


It's completely empty.....?


EXCUSE ME.

LOOKING AT THE EQUIPMENT, IT SEEMS LIKE THEY WERE USED A WHILE AGO...

I GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY ASKED CRAFTSMEN HERE TO MAKE IT...
It wouldn't work if the parts were even slightly different from what was ordered.....
CAN THEY REALLY MAKE WEAPONS BY PUTTING TOGETHER PARTS MADE FROM SEPARATE PLACES..?


BUT WHERE IS EVERYONE?

DAMMIT.../ HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THEY GOING TO INVOLVE IN THEIR MESSED UP IDEALS?!!
IF THAT IS THE CASE.. WHERE DID ALL THE PEOPLE HERE GO?
DID SCCAGGS GET HERE FIRST....?
WAS IT A MISTAKE TO MOVE AROUND SO OPENLY?

SFX: SHUDDER!

SFX: BAM!

I'VE BEEN CHASING YOU ALL DOWN AS A RED RAVEN.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
REVERSE NUMBERS' "COM-MANDER"..
REVERSE NUMBER "2", DARIO GALLIANO!!
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO KILLED VIZZINI?
I HEARD YOU FOUGHT ROBELIA TOO

I WAS GOING TO PRAISE YOU FOR RAISING THAT EYE OF YOURS.
YOU'VE SEEN SO MANY THINGS.
YOU'VE FOUGHT SO MANY THINGS
SFX: CLANG!
AND YOU SAY YOU WERE DOING IT FOR RED RAVEN.....?!
CLANG!

LOOK, ANDY.
FWISH
FWISH
WHOOSH
MY POWER, "USHER HAND", HAS THE POWER TO CONTROL SOME MAGNETISM.
THAT IS WHY I CAN FREELY CONTROL THIS "BULLET ANT". WHICH IS SENSITIVE TO MAGNETISM.
CLACK
BUT "HUMANS MADE FOR WEAPONS"
IT IS NOT "WEAPONS MADE FOR HUMANS"
STRENGTHEN
WITH THIS POWER, I AM THE MOST SUITED TO USE THIS SCCAGGS.. "BULLET ANT".

WHO
GRAB
OSH
THAT IS WHAT A "REVERSE NUMBER" IS FOR!!
SFX: THUD! THUD! THUD!
...TCH!
SFX: SWISH
GLANG

SCREECH
SCCAGS No.002
I'M DIFFERENT ...!!
SFX: WHOOSH!!
DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH YOU!!

?! WHAT ARE YOU GONNA GO ON ABOUT NEXT?
YOUR EYE IS SPECIAL.
YEAH... YOU...
SFX: SLIDE!
I SEE... YOU REALLY DON'T GET ANYTHING AT ALL.....
YOU'RE DIFFERENT?
OF COURSE.

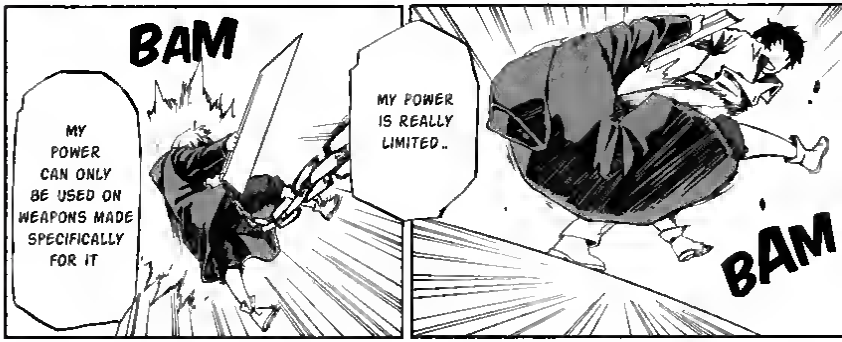
MANY TEST OPERATIONS WERE PERFORMED ON OTHER PEOPLE BEFORE THEY DID IT ON YOU.
!?
SO, TO PROTECT THE ONE WHO HAS IT..
I'VE SAID THIS MANY TIMES BUT THE "BRUTE EYE" IS SPECIAL
JOLT
!?
WHAT ARE YOU...

THERE WERE SOME WHO DIDN'T SURVIVE AND THERE WERE SOME LIKE ROBELIA, WHOSE SIDE-EFFECTS CAME LONG AFTER

ARE ALL HUMAN SACRIFICES TO KEEP YOU... AND THAT "EYE" ALIVE.
THE REVERSE NUMBERS YOU HATE.....

I WILL NEVER FORGET THE PAIN.. AND TO MAKE SURE I DON'T, I CARVED IT ON MYSELF
FOR EXAMPLE ON THE SECOND OF AUGUST
02.08.02
02.10.15
03.01.23
03.03.04
03.05.02
03.07.10
03.12.29
THE "BRUTE EYE" WAS DIRECTLY PLACED INTO MY LEFT EYE
BUT MINE STARTED ROTTING.
IT DIDN'T GO WELL AT ALL.
IN YOUR CASE, THE EYE JUST SETTLED INTO YOU AS A FAKE EYE...
WHA...
ON OCTOBER 15TH, MY SKIN WAS PEELED OFF
TAP
ON JANUARY 23RD MY ARM WAS TORN OFF I FELT SO MUCH PAIN... IT WAS SO PAINFUL IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER FOR ME TO DIE...
BUT I ENDURED IT ALL!

SFX:CLANG!
IT WAS ALL FOR THAT EYE!!
SHAKE
.....!
SHAKE
BAM
CHA!!

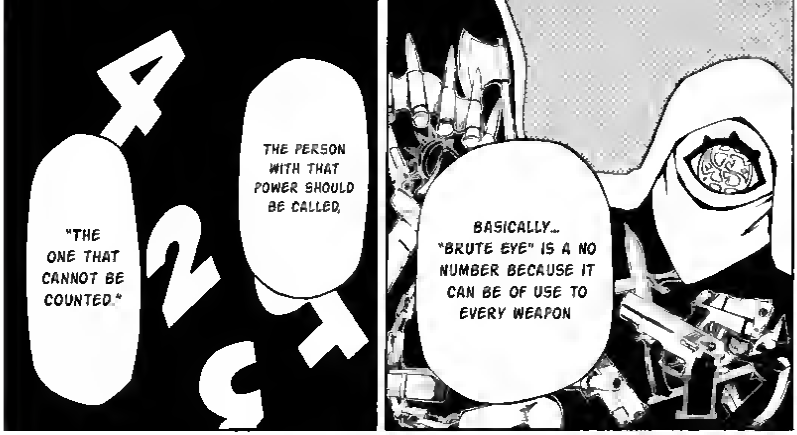

BAM
MY POWER CAN ONLY BE USED ON WEAPONS MADE SPECIFICALLY FOR IT
MY POWER IS REALLY LIMITED..
BAM

THUD
CLANG

IT'S AN EYE THAT CAN SEE THE ESSENCE OF EVERYTHING.
IT CAN SEE THE ESSENCE OF EVERY WEAPON —
FLIP
BECAUSE THAT EYE IS SPECIAL...
BUT YOU'RE DIFFERENT.

THE THING YOU'RE HOLDING RIGHT NOW PROVES THE EYE'S POWERS.
SINCE IT SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED I'LL TELL YOU

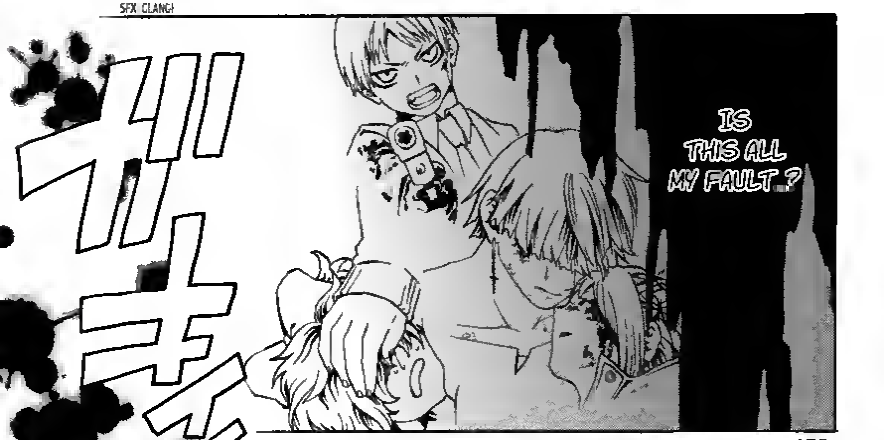
SFX CLANG!
BUT LOOK AT IT NOW! WITH YOU IT HAS BECOME AN AMAZING EXECUTION TOOL.
!
YOU CALL IT A GUILLOTINE... BUT IT REALLY IS JUST A LUMP OF METAL.
THAT THING IS TOO "ROUGH" TO BE CALLED A BLADE...


BASICALLY... "BRUTE EYE" IS A NO NUMBER BECAUSE IT CAN BE OF USE TO EVERY WEAPON
THE PERSON WITH THAT POWER SHOULD BE CALLED,
"THE ONE THAT CANNOT BE COUNTED."

YOU ARE "A PERSON MADE FOR ALL WEAPONS."
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU ARE WHAT SCCAGGS WISHED FOR.
THE EMBODIMENT OF SCCAGGS' IDEALS.

DASH
I'LL JUST KEEP FIGHTING YOU TO MAKE "BRUTE EYE" STRONGER!
WHATEVER!! IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU SIDE WITH!!
NO...
I'M WITH RED RAVEN
WE, REVERSE NUMBERS, EXIST FOR YOUR "BRUTE EYE"!!
NOW, LET'S CONTINUE!
"REVERSE NUMBERS" ARE ENEMIES I NEED TO DEFEAT, RIGHT?
WHY AM I HESITATING?
SFX: CLANG!

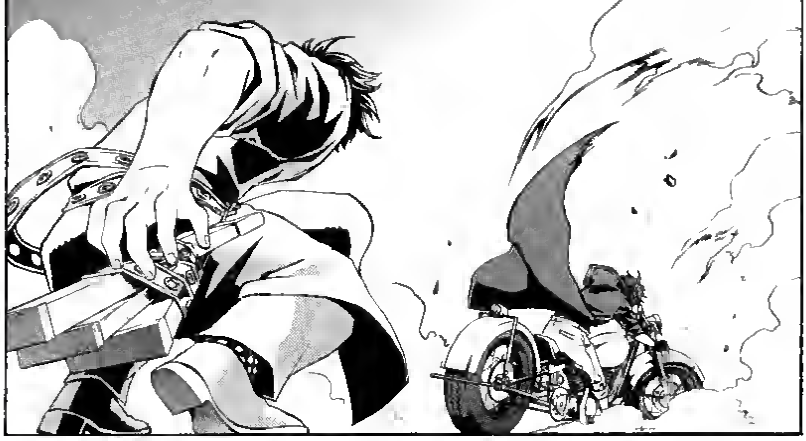
IS THIS.....
BUT THEY WERE ALL SACRIFICED FOR ME

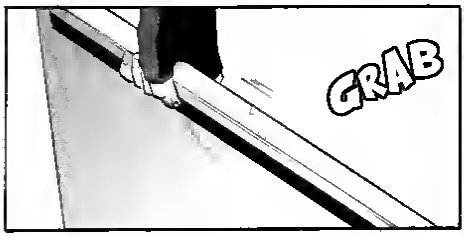

SFX: CLANG!
IS THIS ALL MY FAULT?

WHAM
AH..
SLIDE
OH WELL, YOU'VE ALREADY EXPERIENCED A LOT.
SFX: THUMP TH...MP THUMP
I DIDN'T KNOW. I DIDN'T WANT THIS.
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!!
WHO WOULD WANT THIS...?
IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING IT, I'LL BE TAKING THE EYE BACK.
WHAT THE HELL SHOULD I DO...?

SFX: SMASH!
!?

VROOM
BAM
FLIP
SCREECH




GRAB

WHAT'S WRONG?
WHY ARE YOU SITTING THERE WITHOUT YOUR WEAPON?

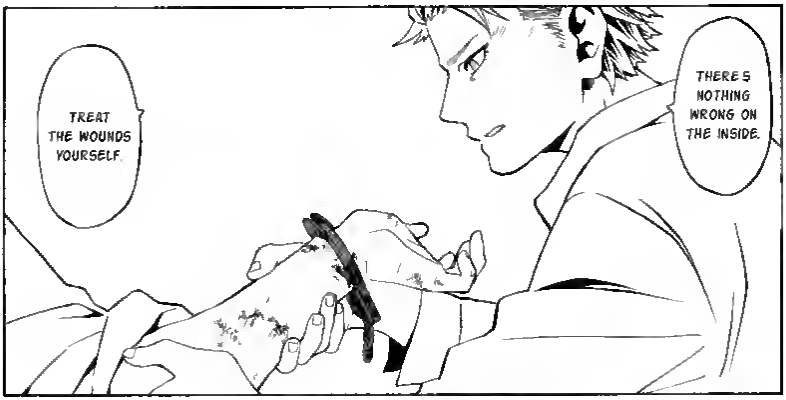
THUD
HERE.
STAND UP ALREADY

I'LL LISTEN TO YOUR WORRIES LATER.
...YOU'RE LATE.
I GREW TIRED OF WAITING FOR YOU
SORRY, I HAD TO FINISH UP SOME THINGS.
ANYWAY, GOOD JOB AT HANDLING THIS YOURSELF.
PAT!

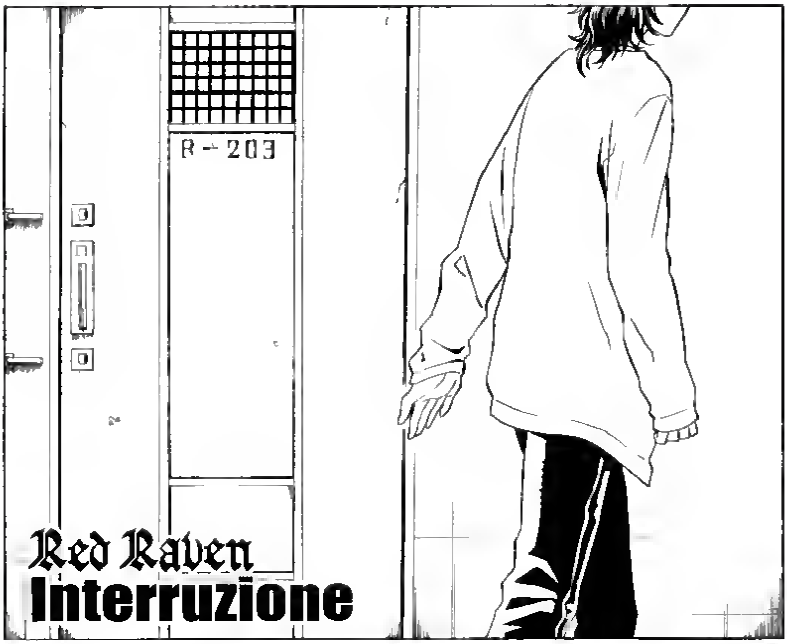
Red Raven 8 END

SPECIAL
Thanks
江口 佳親・きよかぜ
斎藤 由翔・瑞月あすな
担当：清水さん

..I AM VERY SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU TROUBLE


TREAT THE WOUNDS YOURSELF.
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG ON THE INSIDE.

UNDERSTAND?
AND DON'T GO OUT FOR NOW, DARIO.
YES.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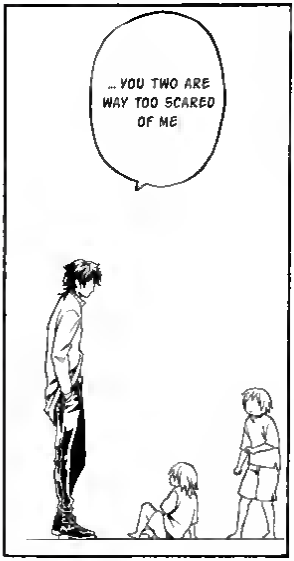
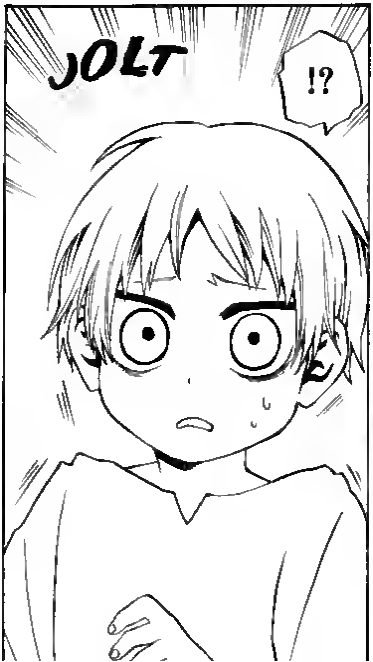
SFX: THUD!
HM?
WHOA...!
I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT FOR AGES AND THIS HAPPENS WHEN I FINALLY DO?
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET BANDAGES IF I ASK THE RESEARCHERS...

AH...

HE'S ONE OF THE BRUTE EYE TEST SUBJECTS...

AH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

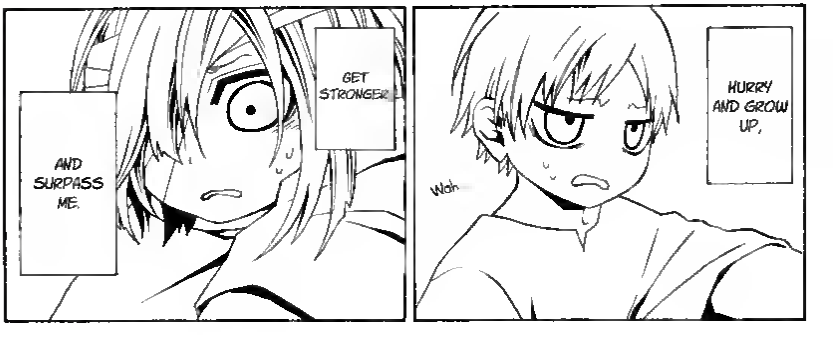

...YOU TWO ARE WAY TOO SCARED OF ME

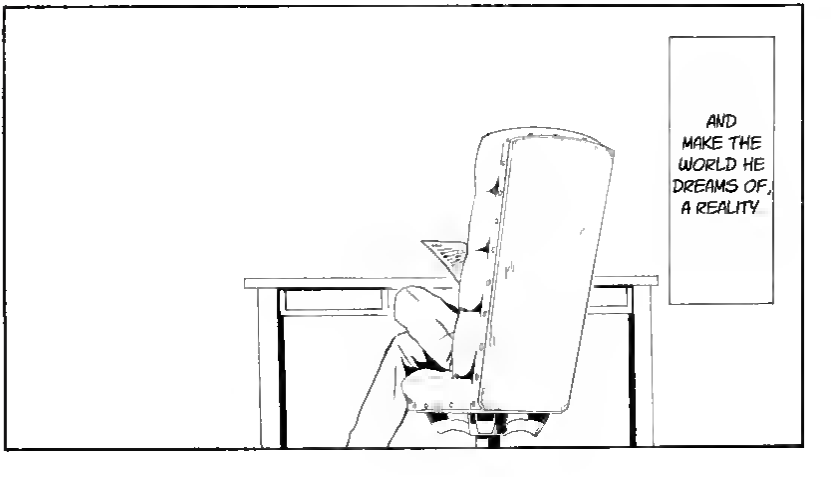

JOLT
!?

HEY...! WE'LL GET SCOLDED IF WE GO TOO—

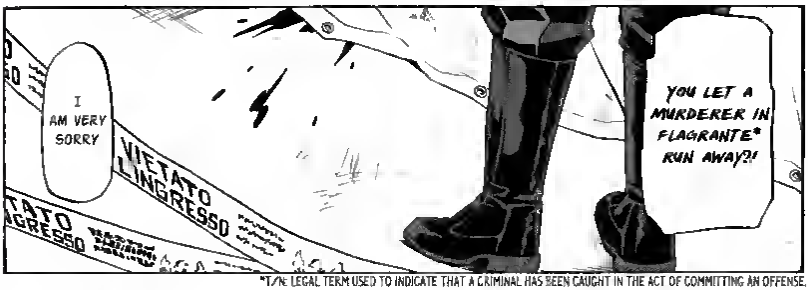
GASP
You guys won't get in trouble if you're with me
I'LL TAKE YOU TWO BACK
WAH...
WHAT'S WRONG? GOT LOST? OR DID YOU GET SEPARATED FROM THE RESEARCHERS?
...
...
DRAG DRAG DRAG
GRAB
AH!!
IRRITATED

NOPE, WON'T LET YOU. SINCE YOU'RE MY POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR, YOU'RE IMPORTANT
TAP
I... I CAN WALK...
TAP


GET STRONGER
AND SURPASS ME.
Wah
HURRY AND GROW UP,


AND MAKE THE WORLD HE DREAMS OF, A REALITY

SINCE IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO DO IT ANYMORE.
DO YOU FIGHT TOO?
ARE YOU... LIKE US?
I GOT CAUGHT BY A REALLY WEIRD GUY HE CAUSED ME A LOT OF TROUBLE.
Jangle
BUT I FIGHT OUTSIDE SINCE THERE ISN'T ANYONE STRONGER THAN ME IN THIS FACILITY.
YEP



*T/N: LEGAL TERM USED TO INDICATE THAT A CRIMINAL HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF COMMITTING AN OFFENSE.

HE'S PRETTY DAMN STRONG
HE'S THE FIRST GUY TO EVER CUFF ME.
Thanks to him, Sieg-san is in a bad mood.
I WILL PERSONALLY MAKE UP FOR WHAT I DID.
NEXT TIME, I WILL DEFINITELY
KILL HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS.
CATCH HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS.

END